

HIS Home Newsletter November 2017

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But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15: 57-58

Many things make me thankful! I am staying in Ohio right now with Jamie who is getting extensive medical tests to be followed by hip surgery if he is found to be medically stable for surgery. I am thankful for available medical care for Jamie, time with my extended family, hot showers, electricity 24 hours a day, feeling safe to go outside without security guys, and many other luxuries. I am also thankful for my husband, children, and our staff at HIS Home who are holding down the fort in Haiti while I am out of country. However, all of those things pale in comparison to my thankfulness for my promised future home in heaven. Because of Jesus Christ, I have the promise of heaven through the Word of God. Spending my life at HIS Home in Haiti gives me the opportunity to share Jesus with our children. 1 Cor. 15:57-58 promises that our work is not in vain. Please join us in praying for salvation for each and every child who lives at HIS Home!

We ask that you continue to pray for our medical children staying in St. Louis, MO with host families. Lorencia and Djoulissa have had their clubbed feet repaired, their knees straightened, and are awaiting hip surgeries at Shriner's Hospital in January. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as Jamie who is scheduled for surgery in December at Shriner's in Philadelphia. We are happy to share that baby Ciera completed her cleft lip surgery and is back at HIS Home in Haiti.

October was a very busy month at HIS Home. Our home for children with severe special medical needs was closed as planned and the 19 children were moved to the first floor of the boy's home. The children are now comfortable in their new environment, and we appreciate the volunteer team from Living Water Church who decorated our therapy center, as well as the team from Grace Fellowship Church in Albany, NY who helped install fans and adjust medical equipment for our children! We would also like to recognize our staff that spent endless hours moving furniture and equipment between homes, making necessary repairs, and painting our previous SN home to be returned to the landlord.

Eating out at a restaurant is often a regular activity for American families, but for children living in an orphanage, going out to eat is an exciting adventure! Many thanks to Richard who visited recently and brought a designated donation of funds to sponsor an Epidor lunch out for hamburgers, fries, and Cokes for 44 kids! October is also the time for our Fall Festival Party. Kids enjoyed spending the evening together listening to music, playing games, eating special treats, and just being together as family! Thanks to Hal and Richard for all of your work preparing for the party!

Sponsorships are available for children living at HIS Home. Twice a year sponsors receive a package from their children, including a recent photo and a craft project created for them by their child. New packages are being prepared now and will be available for sponsors very soon. We want to thank Judy and Geoff VanBerkel who are responsible for preparing packages for sponsors. We also appreciate all of the volunteer team members who help with getting the photos and projects completed! If you are interested in sponsoring a child, contact us at hishomeforchildren@hotmail.com and we will put you in contact with Judy!

In addition to our child sponsorship program, we are initiating a new program for HIS Home For Children Employee Sponsorships. Our current monthly donations to HIS Home are not sufficient to meet our monthly expenses. Our annual budget for employee payroll is \$58,000. We cannot decrease our number of

employees and still provide for the needs of our children, so we are offering an opportunity to those interested in helping to care for HIS Kids by sponsoring an employee's wages. Sponsorships will include an annual photo of your employee, and a brief synopsis of the employee's responsibility at HIS Home, as well as information regarding their family status including their spouse and number of children. The increased income from this program will enable us to provide payroll on time to our employees. The employee sponsorship program will provide 3 options.

1:1 will be a full sponsorship of \$150/month to sponsor 1 employee.

2:1 will be a half sponsorship of \$75/month to sponsor half of an employee's wages.

3:1 will be a third sponsorship of \$50/month to sponsor a third of an employee's wages.

Employees will not receive personal contact information of their sponsor(s). With your permission, they will be provided your first name so that they can be praying for you by name. If a sponsor chooses, they may add an additional financial gift to their November sponsorship payment which will be given to the employee as a Christmas gift. This gift is not mandatory, but an opportunity to bless your employee. This sponsorship program is an ideal way for a Sunday school class, Bible Study group, church, or even a family group to sponsor an ongoing ministry to support an employee. We ask that you make a commitment to a year sponsorship, but we understand emergencies occur that might limit your ability to continue to fulfil your commitment. We will be happy to answer any questions that you may have, and questions or requests for sponsorship can be forwarded by e-mail to Chris Nungester at canungester@hotmail.com. Once you commit to a sponsorship, you will receive a package with information regarding your sponsored employee. All sponsorship donations will be tax deductible.

HIS Home For Children has always been supported 100% by charitable donations. We do not receive assistance from either the Haitian or the US government. There are those who say that these children are Haiti's "problem", and should be supported by the Haitian government. In a perfect world, that might be true. Unfortunately, corruption and political instability in Haiti do not make this possible. With the economy of Haiti being so bad, Haitian adults are moving to Chili and Brazil where visas are not required. Many are leaving their children behind because they cannot afford to take them. We are already feeling the impact! In the past when we had the adoption program, although we did not make a profit from the adoptions, we did often receive donations from churches associated with adoptive families. Once those children arrived in their families, most donations from families, friends, and churches of the adoptees stopped as donations were transferred to other needs. HIS children belong to God, and we feel a call to continue caring for them, but to do that we need financial help! If you are able to give or to host a fundraiser, that would be a huge blessing! We must increase our monthly donations by about \$5000 to continue this ministry. We are hoping the Employee Sponsorship will help with this, but it won't cover everything. Even if you cannot give, please pray for this need for the 70 children at HIS Home. Over half of our children have special medical needs, and orphanages for disabled children are full. Please pray for Hal and I, as well as our HIS Home For Children board members, as we face this challenge and seek God's will, wisdom, and provision. We are claiming that God's Word is true in 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 and we labor not in vain. Thank you for joining us in caring for HIS children!